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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.97 (b)(3), the following patents are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and specifically to the attention of the Examiner assigned to the subject patent application. The submitted documents are listed on the attached PTO Form and a copy of each reference is included for the Examiner's convenience.

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
2,335,420	11/30/43	Jones
6,017,300	01/25/00	Herman
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6,196,962	03/06/01	Purvey et al.
4,787,975	11/29/88	Purvey
6,183,407	02/06/01	Hallgren et al.
5,637,217	06/10/97	Herman et al.
6,224,531	05/01/01	Frehland et al.
5,549,821	08/27/96	Bounnakhom et al.
4,911,833	03/27/90	Schoendorfer et al.
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WO 98/46361	10/22/98	PCT
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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

Patent No. WO 98/46361

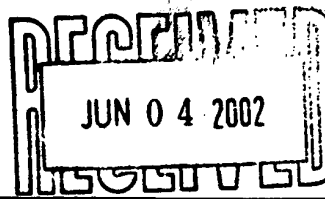
Please refer to U.S. Patent No. 6,224,531 issued May 1, 2001 to Frehland et al., also enclosed herewith, for an English translation of this patent reference.

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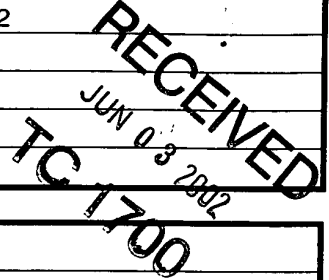
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